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EDITORIAL

THE DYNAMISM OF AUTOMATION

As we approach the end of another year, we offer to our readers the thought that one of the most dynamic factors in the world drama is the rapid development of automation and the keen discussions, which this development is encouraging. The growth of automation cannot be halted and the only basic question to be decided is what purpose is automation to serve. Automation is the end-result of the process of learning how to apply unlimited solar energy to machinery in such a way that the human factor in production is progressively reduced.

There can be little doubt that those seeking to control all power in the world are well aware of the threat, which the development of automation poses. The most important potential product of automation is not merely increased production, but a progressive increase in leisure for all. In spite of the nonsense from politicians, who state from time to time that automation will provide more employment instead of reducing it, numbers of scientists and engineers have demonstrated beyond all argument that increased production is possible with a big reduction in man-hours worked. The introduction of automation on the N.S.W. coalfields has produced results, which provide striking evidence of how automation saves labour.

In 1948 17,026 men produced 10,467,000 tons of coal from N.S.W. underground mines; in 1956-57, 16,486 men produced 14,465,000 tons—540 fewer men for nearly four million tons more coal. For the first six months of 1958, 15,433 men produced 7,414,656 tons of coal—nearly 300,000 tons more than for the same period of 1957, but with 1,053 fewer men in the industry.

In the highly mechanised South Coast, 3,673 men in 1948 produced 1,922,000 tons; in 1956-57, 4,361 men produced 4,333,000 tons—more than double the coal for an addition of only one-fifth to the labour force.

Facts such as these are the basis for the reasonable demand that working hours be reduced. At a recent conference by the Salaried Officials' organisation it was suggested that the working week should be reduced to 35 hours. This proposal was immediately attacked by a well-known Melbourne journalist who said in effect that it would be folly to reduce working hours when there was still so much work to be done in Aus-

tralia. This view is being carefully fostered all over the world as part of a policy of perversion. Instead of increased capacity for production resulting in increasing leisure and independence for the individual, it is proposed that it be used to enable the individual to do still more work.

While there is still plenty of scope for making work by providing the Hottentots with all the gadgets of the Western world, those groups seeking power over the peoples of the world are actively fostering the idea that the peoples of the world should use an increasing proportion of their productive capacity for "space projects." All sorts of ingenious arguments are used to obtain a ready acceptance for this idea. And in the process a new God is being created—the God of Science. If subordinated to individual human purpose, the scientific method can, as automation demonstrates, be used to gain increased freedom for the individual in order that he may develop himself as a person. But to make Science as something to be worshipped for its own sake can lead to George Orwell's 1984.

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Christmas Greetings

We wish all our readers and their families a joyful Christmas, and a New Year which will bring them closer to a realisation, of a genuine Christian society.

NEWS SECTION

Dollar Penetration of Egypt and Sudan:

Behind the growing revolutionary ferment in the Middle East and North Africa, the International Money Power is steadily extending its power and influence. A recent Washington report states that Mr. Eugene Black, Chairman of the World Bank, has been busy in Cairo. The report also states that the World Bank may be invited to mediate in the controversy between Egypt and Sudan over the apportionment of Nile waters. Nasser and other revolutionaries may pose as strong men, but in reality they serve the purposes of those who control the financial credits without which their grandiose schemes would come to nought.

Communist Influence in Iraq: We were not surprised to read the report that Iraq may be aligning itself with the Soviet bloc. It appears certain that Soviet arms have been arriving in Iraq for some time. Soviet army officers have been seen in the Iraqi Defence Ministry. As more of the details of the Iraqi revolution against the pro-Western Iraqi Government are made known, it becomes clearer that the policy makers in the U.S.A. were aware of what was happening. No time was lost in recognising the murderers. The revolution in Iraq was one more example of the dollar diplomats in the U.S.A. encouraging policies, which paved the way for the expansion of Communism. It is true, of course, that there are still some people who talk about the "unfortunate mistakes" of the American policy makers. But these "mistakes" have been so consistent over such a long period of time that the truth must be faced that there is a consistent policy. Unless that policy is exposed and defeated, the end of Western Civilisation is in sight.

Indonesia's Demands on Dutch New Guinea:

In our last issue we referred to the increasing dollar aid being given to Indonesia. Since then it has been reported that West Germany, Italy and Japan are keen to supply military equipment to Indonesia as part of their expanding trade drives. This is another example of false economics being used to extend military aid to a Government, which is totalitarian and Communist-influenced. While Washington makes pious remarks about disapproving of the use of force by Indonesia to try and take Dutch New Guinea, it is making it increasingly clear that it disapproves of the present uncompromising policy of the Australian and Dutch Governments. When the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Luns, recently visited Washington, he attempted to get Mr. Dulles to support Dutch claims for compensation in Indonesia. But Mr.

Dulles would not hear of these reasonable requests. But he was most sympathetic to the requests of the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr. Subandrio, for more dollar credits.

If the Australian Government retreats from its present attitude concerning Dutch New Guinea, it will be another example of a victory for Dollar Diplomacy.

The Role of Mr. Diefenbaker: Prior to his party's election victory in Canada, the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker, created the impression that he was a new prophet determined to lead the whole British world out of the bondage of dollar control and influence. But the International Money Power need have no fears about Mr. Diefenbaker. He is emerging as a typical internationalist. Upon his arrival in Australia the Canadian Prime Minister said that "the days of the Ottawa Agreement were past and Canada welcomed the move for expanded world trade." This would sound like sweet music in the ears of the directors of the Dollar Empire. Mr. Diefenbaker not only wants to expand world trade within the non-Communist world; he also favours trade with Red China and other Communist countries.

Mr. Diefenbaker has been visiting other parts of what is now described as the British Commonwealth of Nations, and has been talking the most nauseating rubbish about "a feeling of oneness." He was reported as saying at Canberra that "whether he had been in Pakistan, Malaya or Ceylon there was that feeling that each of them had a responsibility to the other member." We must confess that we haven't noticed Mr. Nehru of India, for example, being concerned about the sovereignty of the British world. The fact is that anti-British feeling is rife amongst the politicians who have obtained power in every country from which the British have retreated under the pressure of Dollar Imperialism. They only continue to claim membership of the British Commonwealth because of what they can get out of this membership.

If Mr. Menzies really agrees with Mr. Diefenbaker that the British Commonwealth "has never been stronger or more virile than it is today," then he either knows not the meaning of the words he uses, or he also has succumbed completely to the poisonous doctrines being peddled by Diefenbaker. The British leaders of last century must be turning in their graves to hear it claimed that the British world of today, which retreats feebly from one position to another—does Mr. Menzies not recall what happened at Suez?—is "stronger" and more "virile" than ever.

"Democracy" In Ghana: We trust that all those soft-headed idealists who are for ever urging self-government for people who are not philosophically equipped to govern themselves, are noting how "democracy" is operating in Ghana. We have drawn attention to this in the past, but the position continues to deteriorate with Dr. Nkrumah now entering into an agreement with the pro-Communist leader of French-Guinea, Sekou Toure, to form a union of their countries as the nucleus of a projected greater Union of West Africa.

Nkrumah's conception of democracy may be judged from the fact that he has arrested 43 of his political opponents on charges of plotting to murder him. He has also repealed constitutional safeguards prescribed by the British and is now imposing a Bill preparing the way for the declaration of a Republic. He is preparing to shackle the judiciary and to rule as a complete dictator.

All this appears to have no effect upon those simple people who appear unable to see that the destruction of Western European colonialism paves the way for the expansion of the Communist and Dollar Empires.

The Jews In Soviet Russia: The Sydney Communist paper, *The Tribune*, in its issue of November 26, published the following statement by Hershel D. M. Meyer of New York:

"Evidence of the position Jews occupy within Soviet society today was disclosed in the May 1957 issues of the Soviet Journal *Problems of Philosophy*, in an analysis of the national composition of the scientific personnel in the U.S.S.R. in 1955.

"Of 222,893 scientists, 144,285 were Russian (out of a total population of 100 million). Second were the Jews, 24,620 out of a total population of over two million.

"Though only one percent of the total population, Jews comprises about 11 percent of the national scientific cadre.

"Some 260,000 Jews, it was recently reported (over 10 percent of the total Jewish population) are active in leading positions in various State, Party, industrial and agricultural organisations.

"Thus, about one of every four Jews in the U.S.S.R. occupies a relatively high position

THE NEW MEMBER FOR GRIFFITHS

The election of Mr. A. A. Chresby as the new Liberal member for the Federal electorate of Griffiths, Queensland, is of special interest to old readers of this journal. Mr. Chresby was prominently associated with the Social Credit movement in N.S.W. for many years and made one lecturing visit to Victoria. Mr. Chresby has a grasp of all aspects of Social Credit and we have no doubt that he will use his knowledge to the best advantage in the new Parliament. After his visit to Brisbane this year, Mr. Butler reported upon his return to Melbourne that he felt that Mr. Chresby had an excellent chance of winning the Griffiths seat.

GENUINE DEMOCRACY

So far from contemporary elections giving a mandate to the successful Party, it is increasingly evident that they express more the desire of the electorate to keep what is regarded as the more dangerous Party out of office. As the machinations of the Monopolists require the smoke screen of "democracy" this suits them well enough. But genuine democracy, as Douglas said, is essentially negative; and until we can achieve the responsible open and recorded vote, the best "negative" mechanism available at present is the informal vote—which is a "positive" vote against the policy of the Parties.

—*The Social Crediter*, November 29, 1958

ANNUAL HOLIDAYS

The office of The New Times will be closed from today until Monday, January 12. The next issue of The New Times will be published on Friday, January 16. Interstate visitors who may happen to be passing through Melbourne over the holiday period and who may desire to contact Mr. Butler can ring him at Panton Hill 335. The phone service is now continuous.

£32 PROFIT FROM HOUSE PARTY

As a result of the most successful pre-Christmas House Party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Butler on December 6, £32 was paid into the Action Group's funds. Mr. and Mrs. Butler desire to thank all those who helped make the evening such an outstanding success.

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It appears probable that the decisive factor determining whether automation will free the individual or be used to enslave him is the time element. Given sufficient time to pervert education still further, it is possible that the enemies of freedom can condition a new generation to accept uncritically numerous projects which will provide them with "Full Employment". Trained as narrow specialists, they will accept their functional role without understanding its real purpose. But automation is now developing so quickly and the possibilities of a new type of society are becoming so obvious to an increasing number of people that a major effort by Social Crediters over the next few years could be decisive in changing the whole direction of Western Civilization. Although it is true that Douglas said that events would help force the acceptance of Social Credit, he also stressed the importance of Social Crediters explaining the significance of these events to their fellows. The growth of automation is not only one of the major events of our times; it is a striking demonstration of how the discovery of the truths of the universe can make us free. This aspect of the matter should be persistently presented to Church leaders and their support requested for the realisation of that freedom without which the individual cannot develop as God intended him to develop.

Slowly but surely in recent times the conception of leisure, and the necessity of a dividend system to supplement the wage system, has taken root. As automation develops, let us increase our efforts and ensure that this conception extends to the point where sufficient responsible men will enthusiastically accept automation, not as a "problem" to be "solved", but as the key to a new and more Christian civilisation.

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